

Office of Compliance and Enforcement's Management of Water Rights

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- Active water management
- Addressing diversions outside of a watermaster area
- Issuing temporary water rights permits
- Responding to priority calls
- Training of staff



Regional Involvement During Normal Conditions

- Active water management
 - Monitoring basin conditions regularly to “follow the water”
- Addressing diversions outside of a watermaster area on a complaint basis
- Issuing temporary water rights permits



OCE Response – Priority Call Received

- Initial investigations conducted at the location of priority call
- Observations used in the evaluation of the priority call



OCE Response – Suspensions Issued

- Continued evaluation of river conditions near location of priority call
- Onsite investigations of suspended water rights
 - Ensure notification of suspension was received
 - Verify diversions have stopped
- Monitoring USGS gauges to identify locations for additional investigations



River Evaluations



May 17, 2011



July 15, 2011



December 1, 2011



OCE Response – Onsite Investigations



Training of field staff

- Regional staff are continuously trained to ensure the best possible response to water rights issues



2012 Drought

- 13 priority calls in 3 different river basins
- Approximately 784 water rights suspended
- Office of Compliance and Enforcement (OCE):
 - Works with Office of Water during the evaluation of priority calls and implementation of suspensions.
 - Conducts multiple onsite investigations throughout the process.



Questions?

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